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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether Government have any idea of extending the area of colonization scheme in Wynaad and thereby prevent or abort the encroachment proceedings taken in Wynaad against large number of people in respect of revenue lands? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Extension of the colonization scheme and the starting of more land colonization schemes are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is this colonization scheme functioning in South Arcot district and if so are lands apportioned for cultivation and for habitation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Schemes have so far been started in Tiruchirappalli, Tanjore, Chingleput, Coimbatore and Salem."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that the ex-servicemen and others are also given land. May I know the qualification which will entitle one to get lands in the colonization scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Poverty and want of land to settle themselves."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" Sir, the land colonization schemes were started to rehabilitate ex-servicemen on co-operative basis. When the State Government have got funds to rehabilitate ex-servicemen such as Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund, a share of the Flag Day Sales Fund and the Government's own Fund out of the revenue account, why should not Government try to bring all the lands which are intended for the ex-servicemen under mechanized methods of cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The cost of the scheme is shared by the State Government and the Central Government and the Post-War Services Reconstruction Committee. Regarding mechanized-cultivation, the hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that in Tanjore district the scheme at Thirumakottai is functioning very well, have the Government any idea to extend the present colony or open a new colony in Tanjore district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the Government have approved the formation of a land colonization society in a certain village in Papanasam taluk."

Sale of neera in the City

* 735 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vehicles used in preventing the transport of illicit liquor in the City; and

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(b) the quantity of 'Neera' supplied in the City by the Special Amelioration Officer and co-operative societies in the City?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) One lorry, one station waggon and three jeeps are used in preventing the transport of illicit liquor in the City.

" (b) During the year 1953–54 (i.e., from 1st July 1953 to 30th June 1954) 1,655 Madras measures of neera worth Rs. 414 were sold by the palm-gur branch in the exhibitions held in Madras. The Kandamanagar Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Society sold 13,585 Madras measures of neera worth Rs. 3,397 in the neera parlour run under the auspices of the society during this period."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கள்ளச் சாராயம் காய்ச்சுபவர்களைப் பிடிப்பதற்காக இருக்கும் போலீஸ் லாரிகளில் துப்பாக்கிகள் பொருத்தப்பட்டிருக்கின்றனவா? சென்னைக்கு அடுத்துள்ள தண்டையார்பேட்டையிலும், மாதவபுரத்திலும் இதுவரையில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் சுடப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்? அதனால் எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் இறந்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் கூற முடியுமா?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This question has no bearing on the question under discussion."

SRI A. RAMASAMY TEVAR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, as summer is fast approaching, most of the Assembly Members are very eager to have neera as before. (Laughter.) Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to open such stalls in front of the Assembly buildings?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will examine the proposition, Sir."

Thekkil-Kolathur road

* 736 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many works sanctioned by Government for the year 1953–54 under the Local Development Works in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district, have been executed so far;

(b) whether the road from Thekkil to Kolathur has been executed; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) None of the seven works including the road from Thekkil to Kolathur has been executed so far. These will be completed during the course of this year.

" (c) The detailed estimate for the road work from Thekkil to Kolathur is awaited from the Divisional Engineer (Highways)."